

MINUTES

OF THE

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

TELEPHONE MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2004

WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2004, in the Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Schneider
Randy Duncan
Carol Kramer
Richard Kim Francisco
William Sullivan
Paul Christiansen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice Marcantonio

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the January 8, 2004 NRC agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVED

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Linda Hanson, Division Administrator, Administrative Services Division, presented the following item.

Bids were opened December 17, 2003 for the following projects:

Pine Lake State Park, Hardin County - Campground Electrical System

This project consists of the upgrade of electrical service to 79 existing campsites, electrical service to 4 new campsites and other related work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector and as described in the Project Manual. This project is budgeted 50% Restore the Outdoors (RTO) and 50% Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) funds. DNR estimate is \$86,189. Seventeen sets of plans were requested. Seven bids were received.

KWS Inc.	Cedar Falls, IA	\$ 77,713.80
Dan Nekola, dba Elberon Hardware	Elberon, IA	\$ 83,382.54

Communications Technologies Inc.	Huxley, IA	\$ 84,851.60
Scott Brown, dba Browns' Pump Service	Arlington, IA	\$ 91,421.16
Nikkel & Associates, Inc.	Ames, IA	\$ 92,936.19
Jones Electric Inc.	Colona, IL	\$112,207.62
Dig America Inc.	St. Cloud, MN	\$166,898.09

Staff recommends award of contract to KWS Inc., low bidder.

Motion was made by Commissioner Christiansen to approve the low bid of KWS Inc. of Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the amount of \$77,713.80 for campground electrical work at Pine Lake State Park. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

McCloud Run, Cedar Rapids, Linn County - Trout Habitat

This project consists of the placement of a "bankhide trout habitat" system constructed of rough-sawn oak timbers, placement of riprap for stream bank stabilization, selected clearing and grubbing, earthfill streambank reconstruction and incidental work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. Project is funded in by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 319 Water Quality Fund. DNR estimate is \$155,500. Seventeen sets of plans were requested. Eight bids were received.

Todd A. Summers, dba Summers Enterprise	Masonville, IA	\$ 78,602.00
Cole Construction Co., Inc.	Keosauqua, IA	\$100,384.60
Skyline Construction Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$111,995.60
Peterson Contractors Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$126,782.00
Vieth Construction Corp.	Reinbeck, IA	\$129,723.00
K.M. King Inc.	Burlington, IA	\$132,862.93
Connolly Construction, Inc.	Peosta, IA	\$152,195.60
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co.	Dubuque, IA	\$162,370.20

Staff recommends award of contract to Summers Enterprise, low bidder.

Linda Hanson explained that the contractor would like to start this project immediately while the ground is frozen. This will save on construction costs and will alleviate or lessen damage to a trail near the construction site.

Mike McGhee, Lakes Coordinator, discussed the project and noted that the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association is working jointly with the department on this project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francisco to approve the low bid of Todd A. Summers, dba Summers Enterprise of Masonville, Iowa, in the amount of \$78,602.00 for placement of a trout habitat system at McCloud Run in Cedar Rapids, Linn County. Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

Upper Iowa River, Winneshiek/Allamakee Co. - PCC Paving

This project consists of the PCC Paving of several small access sites to the Upper Iowa River in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties, seeding of areas disturbed by construction operations, and incidental work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted in Parks and Institutional Road (\$166,000) and Marine Fuel Tax (\$21,000) funds. DNR estimate is \$210,400. Fourteen plan sets were requested. Four bids were received.

Concrete Foundations, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$187,060.65
Wicks Construction Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$196,156.24
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co.	Dubuque, IA	\$201,174.65
Cedar Valley Corp.	Waterloo, IA	\$297,811.72

Staff recommends award of contract to Concrete Foundations, Inc., low bidder.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the low bid of Concrete Foundations, Inc. of Sumner, Iowa, in the amount of \$187,060.65 for paving work at the Upper Iowa River at several access sites to the Upper Iowa River in Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

Commissioner Duncan asked to what extent asphalt paving near water adversely affects water quality. Mike Brandrup responded that to the extent possible, the accesses are built with natural buffers and the parking areas are designed and graded for water protection. He said that there is some impact on water quality but is small when weighed against the overall project for recreational accessibility.

Banner WMA, Warren Co. - Facility Development

This project consists of the placement of pre-engineered steel shelters with concrete floors at existing shooting lines, construction of two pit vault latrines, construction of a concession building, construction of park entrance portals and incidental work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted in REAP Open Spaces fund. DNR estimate is \$213,000. Fourteen plan sets were requested. Three bids were received.

M & M Enterprises, Inc.	Sigourney, IA	\$392,989.00
Hymbaugh Construction Inc.	Mt. Ayr, IA	\$218,850.00
		defective bid
Archer Construction Inc.	Cumming, IA	\$252,365.00
		defective bid

Staff recommends the Commission reject all bids and re-bid project.

Linda Hanson explained that because two of the bids failed to address an addendum to the project, and the other bid was considerably over the estimate for the project, the recommendation is to reject all bids and rebid the project later.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to reject all bids for the facility development project at Banner WMA in Warren County and rebid the project at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REJECTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Liz Christiansen announced the annual legislative breakfast to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. in Room 116 of the Capitol. Commissioners were asked to meet at the Air Quality offices at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20 to discuss the department's legislative initiatives.

NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be held February 12, 2004 in Des Moines.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 8, 2004 telephone meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director

Carol Kramer, Chairperson

Janice Marcantonio, Secretary

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